(c) whether Government have received memorandum from various parts of Rajasthan to reintroduce the old procedure of recruitment of defence personnel;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) The Government do not propose to do away with the Application System of Recruitment. However, to cut down postal delays and to enable candidates in the interior areas to appear for screening prior to the common entrance examination, it has been decided to hold a few Recruitment melas in each Zone, after due publicity. Regimental Centres have also been directed to hold such melas in their respective areas.

(b) The Application System of Recruitment, introduced in 1988, is, on the whole, working satisfactorily.

(c) to (e). No, Sir. However, a request for organizing a Recruitment mela at Jhunjhunu has been received.

Cotton Textile Mills in Cooperative Sector in Bihar

2829. MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cotton textile mills under Cooperative Sector at present, State-wise;

(b) whether these mills are capable to meet the demands of handloom and powerloom industries;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government propose for setting up new mills during Eighth Five Year Plan in the country particularly in Darbhanga, Bihar; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) As on 31st Dec. '91 there are 110 Cotton Textile Mills under Co-operative Sector in the country. A State-wise break-up is as under:

Name of the State/U.T	*No. of mills*
Andhra Pradesh	9
Assam	1
Bihar	3
Gujarat	5
Haryana	1
Karnataka	8
Kerala	4
Madhya Pradesh	2
Maharashtra	35
Orissa	6
Punjab	6
Rajasthan	3
Tamil Nadu	14
Uttar Pradesh	11
West Bengal	1
Pondicherry	1

(b) Since there are no restrictions of inter-state movement of yarn, demands of yarn by handloom and powerloom sectors are met out of the production of all the spinning mills in the country.

(c) Does not arise in view of 'b' above.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise in view of 'd' above.

[*English*]

Funds Under UN TC-DC Programme

2830. DR. RAVI MALLU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether UN has been providing grants with matching Indian funds under UN TC-DC Programme.

(b) if so, the details thereof for the las three years;

(c) the funds actually received and the amount actually spent;

(d) reasons for non-expenditure of this amount;

(e) whether Government propose to utilise these funds through several well-established NGOs; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (f). Question does not arise.

Stipend to Ex-Servicemen at Queen Mary's Technical School, Kirkee, Pune

2831. SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the monthly stipend given to disabled Ex-Servicemen undergoing vocational training at Queen Mary's Technical School, Kirkee, Pune at present;

(b) the date from which it was revised/ enhanced;

(c) whether the Government have any plans to enhance stipend from time to time;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government propose to open more such technical schools in other regions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Disabled ex-Servicemen undergoing vocational training at Queen Mary's Technical School, Kirkee, Pune, are not being paid any monthly stipend.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

(e) No, Sir.

Devaluation of Rupee

2832. SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA:
SHRI M.V. CHANDRASEKHARA MURTHY:
PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATASWARLU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to further devaluate the rupee in near future;